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**HOUSE BILL NO. 1054**

Offered January 24, 2000

*A BILL to amend and reenact § 9-6.25:1 of the Code of Virginia and to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 56-484.6:1, relating to the Consumer Advisory Board for Virginia Relay.*

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Referred to Committee on General Laws

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

**1. That § 9-6.25:1 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted, and that the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 56-484.6:1 as follows:**

§ 9-6.25:1. Advisory boards, commissions and councils.

There shall be, in addition to such others as may be designated in accordance with § 9-6.25, the following advisory boards, commissions and councils within the executive branch:

Advisory Board for the Department for the Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing

Advisory Board on Athletic Training

Advisory Board on Child Abuse and Neglect

Advisory Board on Medicare and Medicaid

Advisory Board of Occupational Therapy

Advisory Board on Physical Therapy to the Board of Medicine

Advisory Board on Rehabilitation Providers

Advisory Board on Respiratory Care to the Board of Medicine

Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure

Advisory Commission on the Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind

Advisory Council on Revenue Estimates

Advisory Council on the Virginia Business-Education Partnership Program

Appomattox State Scenic River Advisory Board

Aquaculture Advisory Board

Art and Architectural Review Board

Board for the Visually Handicapped, Virginia

Board of Directors, Virginia Truck and Ornamentals Research Station

Board of Forestry

Board of Military Affairs

Board of Rehabilitative Services

Board of Transportation Safety

Board of Trustees of the Family and Children's Trust Fund

Board of Visitors, Gunston Hall Plantation

Board on Veterans' Affairs

Catoctin Creek State Scenic River Advisory Board

Cave Board

Charity Food Assistance Advisory Board

Chickahominy State Scenic River Advisory Board

Chief Information Officer Advisory Board

Clinch Scenic River Advisory Board

Coal Surface Mining Reclamation Fund Advisory Board

Coastal Land Management Advisory Council, Virginia

Commonwealth Competition Council

Commonwealth Council on Aging

*Consumer Advisory Board for Virginia Relay*

Council on Indians

Council on the Status of Women

Debt Capacity Advisory Committee

Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board

Falls of the James Committee

Goose Creek Scenic River Advisory Board

Governor's Mined Land Reclamation Advisory Committee

Hemophilia Advisory Board

Human Services Information and Referral Advisory Council

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- 60 Interagency Coordinating Council on Housing for the Disabled
- 61 Interdepartmental Board of the State Department of Minority Business Enterprise
- 62 Litter Control and Recycling Fund Advisory Board
- 63 Local Advisory Board to the Blue Ridge Community College
- 64 Local Advisory Board to the Central Virginia Community College
- 65 Local Advisory Board to the Dabney S. Lancaster Community College
- 66 Local Advisory Board to the Danville Community College
- 67 Local Advisory Board to the Eastern Shore Community College
- 68 Local Advisory Board to the Germanna Community College
- 69 Local Advisory Board to the J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College
- 70 Local Advisory Board to the John Tyler Community College
- 71 Local Advisory Board to the Lord Fairfax Community College
- 72 Local Advisory Board to the Mountain Empire Community College
- 73 Local Advisory Board to the New River Community College
- 74 Local Advisory Board to the Northern Virginia Community College
- 75 Local Advisory Board to the Patrick Henry Community College
- 76 Local Advisory Board to the Paul D. Camp Community College
- 77 Local Advisory Board to the Piedmont Virginia Community College
- 78 Local Advisory Board to the Rappahannock Community College
- 79 Local Advisory Board to the Southside Virginia Community College
- 80 Local Advisory Board to the Southwest Virginia Community College
- 81 Local Advisory Board to the Thomas Nelson Community College
- 82 Local Advisory Board to the Tidewater Community College
- 83 Local Advisory Board to the Virginia Highlands Community College
- 84 Local Advisory Board to the Virginia Western Community College
- 85 Local Advisory Board to the Wytheville Community College
- 86 Maternal and Child Health Council
- 87 Medical Advisory Board, Department of Motor Vehicles
- 88 Migrant and Seasonal Farmworkers Board
- 89 North Meherrin State Scenic River Advisory Board
- 90 Nottoway State Scenic River Advisory Board
- 91 Personnel Advisory Board
- 92 Plant Pollination Advisory Board
- 93 Private College Advisory Board
- 94 Private Security Services Advisory Board
- 95 Psychiatric Advisory Board
- 96 Public Guardian and Conservator Advisory Board
- 97 Radiation Advisory Board
- 98 Rappahannock Scenic River Advisory Board
- 99 Recreational Fishing Advisory Board, Virginia
- 100 Reforestation Board
- 101 Rockfish State Scenic River Advisory Board
- 102 Shenandoah State Scenic River Advisory Board
- 103 Small Business Advisory Board
- 104 Small Business Environmental Compliance Advisory Board
- 105 St. Mary's Scenic River Advisory Committee
- 106 State Advisory Board on Air Pollution
- 107 State Building Code Technical Review Board
- 108 State Health Benefits Advisory Council
- 109 State Land Evaluation Advisory Council
- 110 State Networking Users Advisory Board
- 111 State Public Records Advisory Council
- 112 Statewide Independent Living Council
- 113 Statewide Rehabilitation Advisory Council
- 114 Statewide Rehabilitation Advisory Council for the Blind
- 115 Staunton Scenic River Advisory Committee
- 116 Substance Abuse Services Council
- 117 Telecommunications Relay Service Advisory Board
- 118 Virginia-Israel Advisory Board
- 119 Virginia Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations
- 120 Virginia Advisory Council for Adult Education and Literacy
- 121 Virginia Coal Mine Safety Board

122 Virginia Coal Research and Development Advisory Board  
 123 Virginia Commission for the Arts  
 124 Virginia Correctional Enterprises Advisory Board  
 125 Virginia Council on Coordinating Prevention  
 126 Virginia Equal Employment Opportunity Council  
 127 Virginia Geographic Information Network Advisory Board  
 128 Virginia Interagency Coordinating Council  
 129 Virginia Military Advisory Council  
 130 Virginia Public Buildings Board  
 131 Virginia Recycling Markets Development Council  
 132 Virginia Transplant Council  
 133 Virginia Veterans Cemetery Board  
 134 Virginia Water Resources Research Center, Statewide Advisory Board  
 135 Virginia Winegrowers Advisory Board.  
 136 § 56-484.6:1. *Consumer Advisory Board for Virginia Relay established; duties; composition of board*  
 137 *and terms of office; cause for removal; funding; staffing.*  
 138 A. *There is hereby established within the Department for the Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing the*  
 139 *Consumer Advisory Board for Virginia Relay. Its duties and responsibilities shall include:*  
 140 1. *Ensuring through research and practical experience that the Virginia Relay is meeting the needs*  
 141 *of its users;*  
 142 2. *Collecting feedback from consumers to be shared with the Virginia Department for the Deaf and*  
 143 *Hard-of-Hearing, the Department of Information Technology, and the contractor;*  
 144 3. *Providing advice on meeting the requirements for functional equivalence required by law;*  
 145 4. *Assisting in transmitting information from the administering agencies and contractor to*  
 146 *consumers;*  
 147 5. *Providing access to consumers and other interested parties through meetings held in various*  
 148 *regions of the Commonwealth as determined by the Advisory Board; and*  
 149 6. *Providing other assistance to the Board of the Virginia Department for the Deaf and*  
 150 *Hard-of-Hearing as requested.*  
 151 B. *The Advisory Board shall be composed of eleven members to be appointed by the Governor*  
 152 *representing the various regions of the Commonwealth and the following specific interests: one from a*  
 153 *statewide consumer organization of deaf individuals; one from a statewide consumer organization of*  
 154 *hard-of-hearing individuals; one from a statewide organization of late-deafened individuals; one with a*  
 155 *physical or sensory disability from a statewide organization of Centers for Independent Living; one from*  
 156 *a consumer organization of speech-impaired individuals; one from a consumer organization of*  
 157 *deaf-blind individuals; two hearing individuals who use Virginia Relay; and one representative each*  
 158 *from the Virginia Department for the Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing, the Department of Information*  
 159 *Technology, and the State Corporation Commission. The Board shall also include a representative of the*  
 160 *contractor who shall be a nonvoting member.*  
 161 C. *The term of office for appointed members of the Advisory Board shall be three years except for*  
 162 *the initial appointments, which shall be staggered in the following manner as decided by the Board:*  
 163 *three members shall serve one year, four shall serve two years, and four shall serve three years. At the*  
 164 *completion of his term, a member of the Board shall continue to serve until a successor is appointed.*  
 165 *Advisory Board members may serve no more than two full consecutive terms. Any vacancies created by*  
 166 *resignation or other means shall be filled to meet the same qualifications as the original position and*  
 167 *the person appointed to fill the position shall serve for the unexpired term.*  
 168 D. *The Governor may remove a member of the Board for incompetence, neglect or malfeasance.*  
 169 E. *Funding for expenses for the Board and its duties shall be funded by a portion of the proceeds*  
 170 *from the telecommunications relay service fund, collected by the State Corporation Commission.*  
 171 F. *The Department for the Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing shall supply personnel to support the*  
 172 *operation of the Board and provide other assistance as the Board requests. Funding for these purposes*  
 173 *shall also come from a portion of the telecommunications relay service fund.*